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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 24-25, between page 24, line 11, and page 25, line 4 of the specification with the following:

According to the illustrated embodiment, monitoring system 100  
200 is capable of identifying special event content within a plurality of broadcast content streams (e.g., television channels, radio stations, Internet websites, etc.). Exemplary audio similarity processors 210A to 210C, video similarity processors 215A to 215B, transcript similarity processors 220A to 220C, and format-check similarity processors 225A to 225B respectively receive broadcast content streams television channels CH1 to CHn, radio stations STA1 to STAn, and Internet websites WP1 to WPN, though other sources of broadcast content are possible and within the scope this invention. Audio similarity processors 210A to 210C, video similarity processors 215A to 215B, transcript similarity processors 220A to 220C, and format-check similarity

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processors 225A to 225B operate to monitor these received broadcast content streams and sense content changes therein as a function of the detectable content attributes.

Replace the paragraph spanning pages 35-36, between page 35, line 16, and page 36, line 6 of the specification with the following:

Special event detecting controller 206 operates to process detected special event content as a function of comparing ones of the detectable content attributes with associated threshold values and a subscriber profile to determine whether a particular detected special event includes select special event content requiring communication to the subscriber (process step 420). More specifically, detected special event processor 270 processes the detected special event and upon a determination that the detected special event includes select special event content for communication to the subscriber ("Y" branch of determination step ~~415~~425), it is further operable to selectively generate a notification signal as a function of the a subscriber profile (process step 430).